



Montana  
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## **Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program**

### **Purpose**

The Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program is a federally funded program administered by the Office of Public Instruction to recognize exceptionally able high school seniors who show promise of continued excellence in postsecondary education.

### **Eligibility**

- ✓ Be a graduate of a public or private secondary school or have received the recognized equivalent of a high school diploma (GED)
- ✓ Be a Montana resident
- ✓ Be a U.S. citizen
- ✓ Has applied or been accepted for enrollment at an institution of higher education
- ✓ Certify that he/she is not ineligible to receive assistance as a result of default on a federal student loan or other obligation
- ✓ File a Statement of Selective Service Registration Status
- ✓ Completed and signed a Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship Program Application

### **Application Deadline**

Postmarked by March 4, 2011

### **Average Award**

\$1,500 per scholar

Scholars are selected in a manner that ensures an equitable geographic distribution of awards within Montana.

### **Period of Award**

- ✓ Scholarships are awarded for a period of not less than one or more than four years during the first four years of study at any institution of higher education eligible to participate in the program.
- ✓ Scholars may plan to attend an institution of higher education that is public or private – within or out side Montana.
- ✓ A student attending a military academy is ineligible to receive a Byrd scholarship.
- ✓ A continuing Byrd scholar must be in good standing with his/her institution of higher education and must have completed and returned a renewal form to the Office of Public Instruction along with an official transcript for the past college year.

